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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation-In-Part application of U.S. 09/720,338 filed on December 22, 2000. The present application is filed on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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For: FUNCTIONAL VITAMIN D DERIVATIVES AND METHOD OF

DETERMINING 25-HYDROXY- AND 1a,25-DIHYDROXY VITAMIN D

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of forty-three (43) pages

 \boxtimes Sixteen (16) sheet(s) of formal drawings

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Applicant does not claim priority

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Other:

 \boxtimes Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 19828379.2 and 19840435.2 filed in Germany on June 25, 1998 and September 4, 1998, respectively... Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow. \boxtimes Priority of U.S. Application 09/720,338, filed December 22, 2000, which is the National Stage Application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/04418 filed on June 25, 1999, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. \boxtimes Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow An assignment of the invention Preliminary Amendment

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)

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Respectfully submitted,

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